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## FOREIGN NEWS

LONDON, April 4.—6:40 A. M.—No news has yet been received of the expected battle between General French and the Boers. There is now but a remote prospect of the recapture of the guns. This, however, is regarded as quite a thing compared with the political effects of the disaster. As the Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times remarks, Commandant Olivier's strategy in re-occupying Ladybrand and Thaba Ncha was bold and even brilliant. Most of his force is composed of Free Staters and the advantage gained by them will have a most disturbing effect on the mind of the Free State population.

The impossibility of effecting complete protection for the moment to all farmers in the south and southeast sections of the Free State is recognized at Bloemfontein. Men who surrendered under the proclamation of Lord Roberts are now being punished for the reliance they placed in the ability of the British to protect them.

DUBLIN, April 4, 11:45 a. m.—Queen Victoria landed in Ireland this morning for the first time in thirty years. The disembarkation from the royal yacht was accomplished at 11:30. The commander of the forces in Ireland, the Duke of Connaught, the Lord Lieutenant, Earl Cadogan and their staff greeted her Majesty and the ride from Kingstown to Dublin commenced in splendid weather and before huge and good-natured crowds.

At the entrance to the city the Queen received an address of welcome, and handed the Lord Mayor the following reply:

"I thank you heartily for the loyal welcome and good wishes which you have tendered me on behalf of yourself and your fellow-citizens on my arrival in the ancient capital of my Irish dominion. I came to this fair country to seek a change and rest, and to revisit scenes which recall to my mind the warm welcome given to both myself and my beloved husband. I am deeply gratified that I have been able at this time to see again the motherland of those brave men who are glorifying the Irish name in South Africa."

New York, April 4.—(Afternoon Service.)—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Commissioner-General Peck has suggested to Secretary Hay the advisability of excluding the American dependencies from participation in the American exhibit at the Paris exposition.

Mr. Peck bases the exclusion upon the prospective delay in the installation of exhibits from these several islands and in the case of Hawaii and the Philippines intimates that fear of bubonic plague may cause the French Government some uneasiness. It is likely that the department will concur in Mr. Peck's suggestion.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Without preliminary business today, the House resumed the consideration of the bill to establish a territorial government in Hawaii. Mr. McDowell of Ohio, a member of the Committee on Territories, was the first speaker.

Mr. McDowell, one of the original opponents of the annexation of Hawaii, inveighed against the labor conditions in the Islands and the influence of corporations there.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—This was a notable day in the Senate. It brought to a close the sharpest and most prolonged debate upon any measure since those discussed during the memorable "war Congress" two years ago. At 4 o'clock this afternoon the votes were begun upon the Porto Rican tariff and civil government bill and pending amendments, and less than an hour later the measure about which there has been so much contention in and out of Congress was passed by a majority of nine, the final vote being 40 to 31. Only committee amendments were adopted.

LONDON, March 31.—(Afternoon Service.)—The Duchess of York was accouched of a son this morning at York Cottage, Sandringham. The Duchess and infant are doing well.

PUTNEY ENG., March 31.—The fifty-seventh annual boat race between crews representing the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge was rowed today over the usual course from Putney to Mortlake.

Cambridge won easily in 18 minutes, 47 seconds, official time, Oxford being much distressed and about twenty lengths behind at the finish.

LONDON, March 30.—At the sale at Christie's to-day of relics of Napoleon, the bronze copy of the death mask taken by Dr. Antommarchi, his cross of the Legion of Honor, a lock of his hair, a remnant of the flag that covered the sarcophagus on board the Bellerophon and a statuette of Napoleon as First Consul sold for 250 guineas.

LIVERPOOL, March 30.—Archibald Forbes, the well known war correspondent, died in this city last night. He had been in bad health for some years, and during the last six months had been unable to do anything owing to complications arising from rheumatism and paralysis. His wife was a Miss Meigs, daughter of the late quartermaster general of the United States, General M. C. Meigs.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 29.—The Porte has informed the United States legation that in the future the importation of American pork will be prohibited, giving as a reason for the prohibition that the meat is injurious to the public health.

Lloyd C. Griscom, United States Charge d'Affaires, has protested. It is probable that the action of the Porte was taken on religious grounds, as the religion of the Turks prevents them from eating pork. Statistics on file at the State Department show that during the past five years the value of hog products exported from the United States to Turkey has averaged \$13 a year.

NEW YORK, March 29.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: The naval authorities have decided that Guam strategically is of scarcely less value than Hawaii, and have begun the preparation of plans to make it one of the most important naval bases on the Pacific. The projected improvements will involve an expenditure of several millions for a breakwater at Port San Luis d'Apra, a coaling wharf and shops, and shore batteries for protection against assault.

## TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS

The Rand mines are said to be shut down.

Socialist disturbances are increasing in Italy.

California salmon are being destroyed by sea lions.

The republicans have made considerable gains in Kansas.

A prize of 100,000 francs is offered in France for a device to steer balloons.

Sutter and Yuba Counties, in California, were visited by a cyclone storm.

Rudyard Kipling has sent a poem on General Joubert to Harper's Weekly.

The Mikado will review forty Japanese war ships off Kobe toward the end of April.

Lord Roberts did not meet his wife at Cape Town. She will go to Bloemfontein.

General Otis reports that over 1400 Filipinos have been killed in battle this year.

President Steyn has gone to Ladybrand to stir up the Free Staters to renewed resistance.

General Cronje, Colonel Schiel and one thousand Boer prisoners sailed for St. Helena, April 3.

A new trans-isthmian canal company has been formed in New Jersey, with a capital of \$100,000,000.

Rev. John Cox Edgill, for many years chaplain general of the British army, is about to retire from the post.

European powers may have to send punitive expeditions to China to help put down rebellions and piracy in the provinces.

Under the auspices of Rev. Charles Sheldon, 2000 tons of corn will be sent to the starving in India early in April.

The steamer Morning Star, formerly a missionary vessel in the South Seas, is fitting out at San Francisco for the Nome trade.

Congressman Hay of Virginia is preparing a bill to do away with the regular army and substitute a reserve of volunteers.

General Vasquez, former president of Honduras, says there will not be peace in Central America until the United States takes charge of it.

\* There is a discredited report that Capt. Carl Reichmann, U. S. A., the military attaché with the Boers, helped to defeat Col. Broadwood's column.

Webster Davis, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, has resigned owing to strained relations with Secretary Hitchcock and Pension Commissioner Evans.

The Topeka Ministers' Union declare that Rev. Mr. Sheldon made neither a good newspaper nor an up-to-date religious journal out of the Topeka Capital.

Admiral Dewey was to-night the guest of honor at the most elaborate banquet ever given in St. Augustine, Fla., the host being Major-General John M. Schofield.

One of the reasons why Governor Leary was removed from Guam is his order forbidding the celebration of Saint's days. He issued a number of other startling proclamations.

Kang Yu Wei, the Chinese reformer, has ordered 8000 uniforms in Hongkong. Li Hung Chang and the Empress Dowager have protested to the British Governor of Hongkong.

Lord Methuen has issued the following notification at Kimberley: I have received instructions that if any disturbance occurs west of the Vaal river, my force is to return and punish the rebels immediately.

The contract for carrying the mail from San Francisco to Sydney, via Honolulu and Apia, was awarded to the Oceanic Steamship Company, at a compensation of about \$16,000 per trip, seventeen trips per year. The contract is for ten years.

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